



BEVERLY HILLS CITY ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

CANDIDATE FACT SHEET

DATE OF ELECTION

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Vote centers will be provided throughout Los Angeles County which will be open ten (10) days before election day. On election day, the polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM.

POSITIONS FOR ELECTION

Two City Council seats. City Council incumbents whose seats are up for election in March 2020 are:

Councilmember Lili Bosse
Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D.

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected City Council members will serve a four-year term.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the City of Beverly Hills limits at the time nomination papers are issued.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination period opens on **Tuesday, November 12, 2019** and closes on **Friday, December 6, 2019**. If an incumbent does not file, the period is extended to Wednesday, December 11, 2019. **- THIS NOMINATION PERIOD HAS CONCLUDED.**

Nomination papers are filed with the Beverly Hills City Clerk's office. Filings are then forwarded to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office for formal processing.

~~Nomination papers will be available on the first day of the nomination period, which is Tuesday, November 12.~~ Issuing nomination papers will take approximately 45 minutes.

Write-in candidates: The period to file nomination papers is Monday, January 6, 2020 through February 18, 2020 at 5:00PM. All candidates are urged to file as early as possible.

To avoid waiting, please make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office at (310) 285-2400. City Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30AM – 5:30PM, Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS (previously known as Absentee Ballots)

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed out by L.A. County on Monday, February 3, 2020. **Write-in candidates are not included in the official sample ballot.**

HOLIDAYS

City offices are closed 11/11 for the Veterans Day holiday; 11/28 and 11/29 for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, 12/25 for the Christmas holiday and 01/01/2020 for New Year's Day.

REGISTERED VOTERS NEEDED TO QUALIFY

To qualify, a candidate will need a minimum of 20 Beverly Hills registered resident voters. It is recommended to have 30 signatures to make sure there are enough eligible names to move forward.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT VOTER INFORMATION BOOKLET

Once a candidate formally files, the information is forwarded to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office. Candidate statements are optional. The City of Beverly Hills has a 200-word limit pictures are allowed (Beverly Hills Resolution No. 16-R-13112). **There is no Candidate Statement option for write-in candidates.**

REGISTERED VOTER DATABASE

The City of Beverly Hills does not provide this information. Candidates should contact the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office for voter data.

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING

The City of Beverly Hills has a voluntary campaign expenditure limit at \$80,000. If a candidate accepts the \$80,000 limit, then the candidate may accept contributions of \$450 per person/entity. ([BHMC 1-8-3](#))

If a candidate chooses to **not** accept the \$80,000 voluntary campaign spending limit, then the candidate may only accept contributions of \$125 per person/entity.

CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

The City Clerk's office will provide a pre-filing orientation in late October to candidates interested in the process. An appointment should be made with the City Clerk to schedule a time. Nomination papers will be available beginning on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Additionally, the City Manager's office hosts a 'get to know the City' orientation for candidates once they have formally filed. The session provides information on City operations and will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. For more information, please contact Public Information Manager Keith Sterling at (310) 285-1034 or ksterling@beverlyhills.org.

POLITICAL LAWN SIGNS

The City of Beverly Hills strongly encourages candidates to post election signs no earlier than January 6, 2020. To have your signs reviewed, please contact Edgar Arroyo in Community Development at (310) 285-1138 or earroyo@beverlyhills.org.

NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL TERM

Los Angeles County has 30 days to certify the election. The declaration of results and installation is required by the next City Council meeting.

The City Council Installation/Reorganization is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00PM at the following location:

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences
Samuel Goldwyn Theater
8949 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

COST

A \$25 filing fee is payable when the nomination papers are returned and filed. **Write-in candidates are not required to pay a filing fee.**

There is no cost for nomination papers or to receive a Beverly Hills Candidate's Handbook.

If a candidate does not sign the voluntary expenditure spending limit, then \$1,200 (amount to be confirmed by LA County for the March 2020 election) will be due at the time of filing for Candidate Statement translation and printing of the ballot. Spanish and Farsi language translations will be made available upon request. **There is no fee for write-in candidates because their information is not printed in the official sample ballot.**

CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must abide by local and state campaign laws. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) provides free, expert advice at their toll free number (866) ASK-FPPC (275-3772) or you may go to their website at: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>.

All campaign forms and most manuals and instructions are available on their website.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Study Session and Formal City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2:30PM and 7:00PM respectively (unless rescheduled for another date).

Special City Council meetings may be held as needed.

WORKING HOURS FOR A COUNCILMEMBER

Councilmembers must be able to attend regularly held City Council meetings, usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, unless rescheduled. The following is a schedule:

Study Session: 2:30PM
Closed Session: 5:00PM
Formal Session: 7:00PM

COMPENSATION

Councilmembers are currently paid a monthly stipend of \$785.81. ([BHMC 2-1-19](#))
Benefits are defined by the City's Memorandum of Understanding: [City Council MOU](#)

MAYOR

The Mayor is selected and appointed every year on a rotational basis by the City Council.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN BEVERLY HILLS

The City of Beverly Hills has 21,544 active registered voters as of September 4, 2019.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

The City of Beverly Hills now consolidates with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to conduct and administer municipal elections.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE

Please review information provided by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and also the Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC). The FPPC provides a Candidate Tool Kit for anyone interested in learning more about the process. All campaign forms, most manuals and instructions are available on the FPPC website: www.fppc.ca.gov.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC)

Phone: (866) ASK-FPPC (275-3772)

Website: www.fppc.ca.gov

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Phone: (800) 815-2666 (option 4)

Website: www.lavote.net